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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The Patent Office issued an Restriction Requirement on March 26, 2003, which Applicants respond to below. A Petition for an Extension of Time, through and including June 26, 2003, is attached.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.